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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT

Photo Reconnaissance of Rail Traffic

from China to North Vietnam

- 1. The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize for you possible photographic reconnaissance means for acquiring information on what may be a movement of rail supplies into Vietnam over Chinese rail lines during the next two weeks. In addition to established DRV targets, objectives of such coverage consist principally of the NVN/China transloading point at P'ing-hsiang and the main rail line running generally northeastfrom P'ing-hsiang to Heng-yang to Hankow to Cheng-chou. Rail traffic from the USSR into China (through the two transloading points of Chi-ning and Man-chou-li) would almost certainly be routed south through Cheng-chou.
- 2. The COMOR conclusion that it is unrealistic to recommend photo reconnaissance of the rail line running northeast from P'ing-hsiang is based on the following factors:

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indefinitely.	This is from NRO operations	25X1[
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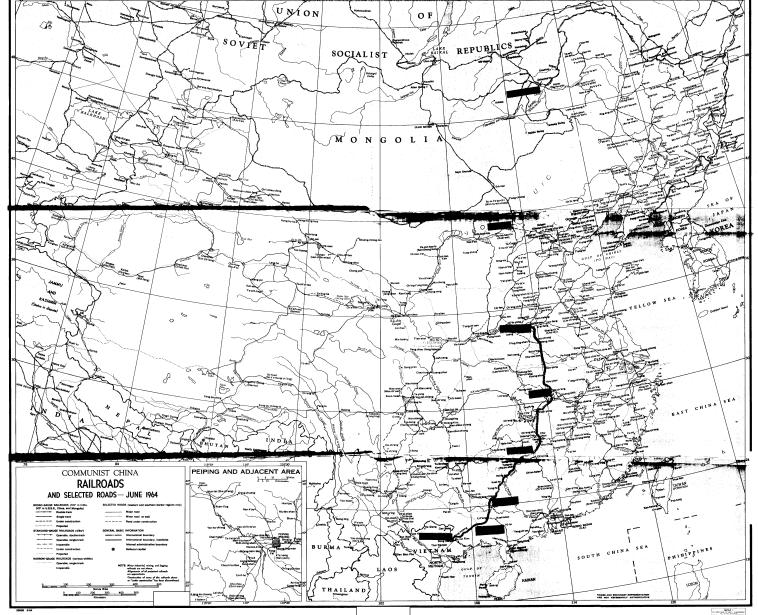
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OCI and OSA (Duckett). We have not had time for	057/44
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of these components.	
Copies have been sent to ORR, OCI,	
OSA and Chairman/COMOR.	



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